

MORRISON OF THE BILLETAGE

For Bimetallism, but Believes that an International Agreement is Necessary.

THINKS THE PEOPLE SHOULD DECIDE Their Counsel Entitled to More Consideration Than that of Financiers and the Professional Politicians.

ST. LOUIS, April 19.—A special from Washington to the Republic says: William R. Morrison of Illinois, who, in the opinion of many, may become a prominent candidate for the presidency, was asked today what were prospects of a harmonious harmony on the sound money question at the Chicago convention.

"Undoubtedly there will be a division of opinion," replied Colonel Morrison, "but the convention should find harmony in the will of the majority."

As to his own views of the question upon which the convention is likely to be at variance, he said:

"It appears that half the convention may be inclined to advocate free silver coinage—16 to 1—which, as things now are, will result in silver being our only money of redemption. It would retire gold as money and leave us on the silver basis. We would have, temporarily, a bimetallic and those who would be available as money."

"Part, maybe, a majority, of the convention will press the administration plan of adhering to the national banks, to keep the gold at par with gold, as now, and for use in smaller transactions. Gold alone is now too narrow and insufficient money base. We have borrowed by sale of bonds \$39,000,000 each year of this administration to keep on as we are going. Under the administration plan, the national banks, to keep the money good, would need to supply gold when demanded, as the treasury does now, at the public expense. As often, as a hard times overtakes us, our banking would set in, in time for settling would be upon us and the property of the financially weak would pass to the strong."

"I had my say about it, I would, as I said in the act repealing the Sherman law, continue the use of both gold and silver as standard money, and I have declared to be the democratic policy. If you are going to ask me how this is to be done, I say frankly, I do not see the way under existing conditions, and this operation of other countries, and this operation I see no immediate prospect of securing."

"Have you read Secretary Carlisle's Chicago speech?" was asked.

"Yes; it is a discussion as to the effect of depreciated currency on the wages of labor. I do not believe, and doubt if anybody does, that a depreciated currency is a good thing for labor or any other interest. Mr. Carlisle has such intellectual strength and balance that it is sometimes difficult to tell on which side he is of the line between what is and what is not."

"The Carlisle disease and its effects of 16 to 1 silver coinage rather than the gold we may expect from the administration money plan. It is difficult to keep up with the administration money plan, and in the direction of the demand of the thrifty in finance. I would be willing to make as the democratic policy or platform the decision made in the law repealing the Sherman act."

"This was voted for by many so-called silver and anti-silver senators and members of the administration, and I am confident during this administration. Such a declaration of purpose best indicates the way to the prosperity and progress of our people. No policy or platform is more difficult to respond to the popular will, which should not be arbitrarily overturned."

"To insure a fair and honest election, rather than a bunch of financiers, who may be learned in their craft, but whose counsel may have the bias of self-interests."

SAYS COLORADO IS FOR SILVER. Ex-Chairman Griffith Says His State Will Not Vote for Gold Standard.

CHICAGO, April 19.—Among the arrivals at the Auditorium annex is Griffith, the late chairman of the republican state central committee of Colorado. He is a manager of two daily papers published at Leadville, Colo., and is en route home from a trip to Washington. The following interview was had with him regarding the political situation in Colorado.

"For silver. No candidate for president on a gold platform can carry the state. The party which advocates a gold platform will carry the state by a large majority."

"Do you think Senators Wolcott and Teller will be delegates to the republican national convention?"

"So far as Senator Teller is concerned, I can state positively that he will not be a delegate. This, however, as of his own choice, because if he wishes to he would have the united and unanimous support of the party. I make this statement about him not being a delegate in a personal and confidential way. I am not in a position to know anything about Senator Wolcott. I can state nothing from personal knowledge, but I am informed by reliable authority that he is likely to be a delegate to the national convention at St. Louis and to arrange plans for the future to rescue the party from negro domination. There will be a caucus of the party in St. Louis among them half a dozen negroes who are identified with the reform movement. The delegates-at-large will be four of the most prominent in the state and the delegates-at-large will be made for seats at St. Louis for a full delegation of thirty votes from Texas. Two of the delegates will be Congressman Nease and an ex-senator from Missouri."

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Prohibition Delegates Elected. BOSTON, April 19.—The prohibition state convention last night elected delegates to the national convention and instructed them to support the nomination of John L. Levey, Edward H. Bates, and Howard A. Gibbs of Roxbury, Edward Kendall of Cambridge, Alfred W. Richardson of Springfield, and John C. Drexler of New Bedford. A list of district delegates was also prepared by the committee.

Brownlow Nominated for Congress. NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 19.—A special from Knoxville to the American says: Return from 144 out of 151 electors presents the nomination of John L. Brownlow, a republican, by republican primaries held yesterday in the First district.

Two New Yorkers Uninstructed. MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., April 19.—At the congressional convention yesterday, Congressman B. O. Odell of Newburgh, and Thomas W. Bradley of Watkins, were elected delegates to the Chicago convention. They were not instructed as to presidential candidates.

Brownlow Appears to Lead. KNOXVILLE, Tenn., April 19.—Specials to the Tribune from all precincts of the First congressional district indicate the nomination of Hon. Walter P. Brownlow, a republican, by republican primaries held yesterday in the First district.

A WAR MYSTERY. Quaint Letter of a Soldier Classed as a Desecration. Thirty-two years ago, a soldier named Jackson disappeared as absolutely as if the earth had swallowed him, writes the Washington correspondent of the Globe-Democrat. He was a private in a New York regiment. The troops were making a hard march from Manassas to Gettysburg to lead of Lee's army. Jackson was missing one morning. That night there was no response to his name at roll call. The missing man was marked "absent without leave." Then in two days, he did not respond, he was marked "deserter."

From that day to this Jackson has never been heard from. His descendants come forward with a prayer to Congress that they offer as evidence that the record does him gross injustice this quaint and queerly spelled letter, the last message he ever sent to his family. It was written only a few days before he disappeared, leaving no trace.

CAMP NEAR PALMOUTH, Va., April 18, 1863.—My Dear Companion and Children: I have written you a long letter and I am glad to hear that you are all well. I am well and hope these few lines will find you all the same. Henry is as well as usual. I would like to write you more but I have no time. I have had a very busy day and I have had to start to work at 8 o'clock for the morning. I have had to start to work at 8 o'clock for the morning. I have had to start to work at 8 o'clock for the morning.

ABOUT THE VICE PRESIDENCY. Accident Proves the Need of Filibuster. Men chosen as vice presidents have held the chief office no less than thirteen years, ten months and thirteen days, or approximately one-eighth of the entire presidential term. There have been twenty-three presidents, one-sixth of whom have been accidental presidents, says the Cincinnati Commercial.

The great prize is the presidency, and political as well as geographical considerations prevent the careful consideration of the second in command. There is the burrah and bulaboo incident to the success of the fortunate candidate, and less attention is paid to the qualifications of the history or forethought would suggest should be paid.

Scientists hold to the law of averages. It was the bold dream of Buckle that a man might come whose history could be written in advance by him who had mastered the details of life. Facts are too few yet, the presidential line is too short, to warrant the detection of any general law. And yet the impressive lesson of history is that too much care cannot be used in selection of the second man on the ticket. The administration of three out of four accidental presidents has been followed by the victory of the opposition.

TO SEND DELEGATES TO ST. LOUIS. White Republicans of Texas Expect to send a Full Delegation. HOUSTON, Tex., April 19.—The white republicans of Texas meet here tomorrow in state convention to elect four delegates-at-large to the national convention at St. Louis and to arrange plans for the future to rescue the party from negro domination. There will be a caucus of the party in St. Louis among them half a dozen negroes who are identified with the reform movement. The delegates-at-large will be four of the most prominent in the state and the delegates-at-large will be made for seats at St. Louis for a full delegation of thirty votes from Texas. Two of the delegates will be Congressman Nease and an ex-senator from Missouri.

The executive committee held a meeting this afternoon and agreed on Look McDaniel for temporary chairman and A. Norton and W. S. C. for temporary secretaries. This is the first convention of bylaws to which delegates have been regularly elected. The vote has increased materially since the first nomination and the delegates are sanguine of making a good showing. No instructions will be given delegates, and they will be left free to act as they see fit if seated.

James Sturgis May Be Appointed. NEW YORK, April